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As the system developers of SAARMS, DISAM set out to remedy this labor-intensive work. Ernie McCallister led the joint DISAM-DFAS effort to create a more efficient system. McCallister developed a new system in which the monthly SAARMS data is transmitted via the Security Assistance Network. Upon receipt of this transmission, data from all reporting countries is combined with DFAS's extract from the BQ system. McCallister's new program then merges data from these two sources into a single file which is exported back into the BQ system in a compatible format for main frame processing.

Previously, this effort had taken from 80-100 labor days per month. Using the McCallister creation, it is estimated that the work will be reduced by at least 75 percent. This great increase in productivity is the culmination of four years of research by DFAS and DISAM. The tremendous cost savings to DFAS resulted in their award to Ernie for making this system enhancement a reality.

### **Ukrainian Air Force Logisticians Visit DISAM**

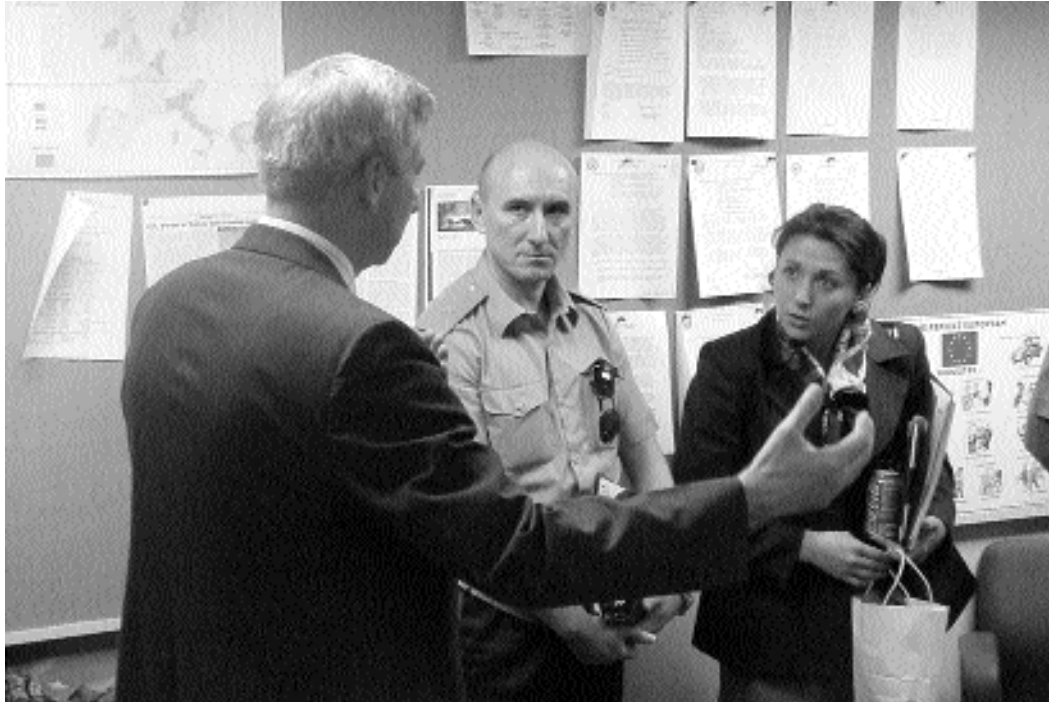
On November 1, a delegation of Ukrainian Air Force logisticians led by General Major Volodymyr Mykolayovich Khyzhyi, Chief of Logistics, visited DISAM as part of their tour of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. The latter was one stop on a tour of U.S. Air Force logistics installations which was made under the auspices of the Joint Contact Team Program. The DISAM presentation included an overview of the Institute's mission with emphasis on the courses offered to international customers and the research possibilities available to them. Accompanying General Khyzhyi were Colonel Olexandr Nahornichevskyi, Chief, Air Force Support Directorate; Colonel V.S. Odnostalko, Chief, Fuels and Lubricants Service; and Colonel V.O. Voloshyn, Chief of Staff, 5 Aviation Corps. Providing translations for the visitors were Iryna Loshkovska and Svitlana Lazorenko of the Military Liaison Team of the American Embassy in Kiev.



**Lieutenant General Stewart E. Cranston, Colonel V.O. Voloshyn and General Major Volodymyr Mykolayovich Khyzhyi inspect the research materials on Ukraine found in the DISAM library.**

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The primary purpose of the visit to Wright-Patterson was to visit Headquarters, Air Force Materiel Command, where the vice-commander, Lieutenant General Stewart E. Cranston, and the director of logistics, Brigadier General Stanley Sieg, hosted the group. The Ukrainian Air Force was especially interested in the cataloging and stock numbering systems, centralized depot acquisition, repair and distribution processes and procedures, and USAF support for international customers, including disposal and reclamation, and defense conversion activities and commercial use of military technologies.



**Dr. Larry Mortself explains DISAM's area studies program to General Major Khyzhyi and interpreter Svitlana Lazorenko of the American embassy in Kiev.**

The party visited the Air Force Security Assistance Center where they met with the Center commander, Major General David R. Love, and the Eastern Europe regional desk officer, Josie Reno. The stay at Wright-Patt also included presentations at the Air Force Research Laboratory.

After leaving Dayton, the delegation visited the Ogden Air Logistics Center at Hill Air Force Base and the Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base before returning to Ukraine.

**NEW IMET LIVING ALLOWANCES RATES:** [The following is a reprint of SECDEF Washington DC message R221932Z, Sep 99 subject as above.]

References: a. FY99 FY00 Security Assistance Training Policy Meeting 17-10 November 1998.  
b. SAMM DoD 5105.38m, Table 1001-2.

1. During reference (a), the training community discussed current IMET living allowance (LA) rates and the fact that rates have not changed since FY91. Also discussed was input from